REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment claimed that the amendment did not provide the proper status identifier. Applicants respectfully submit that the enclosed amendment addresses the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the arguments submitted in the original amendment along with the enclosed claim amendment should be entered in this case.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) has been filed with this response.

An information disclosure statement and a terminal disclaimer were also previously submitted. Please enter those documents and charge any fee required for the timely submission of the documents to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9661.

After this amendment, there are six independent claims in this case. This leaves three independent claims in excess of three. Please charge the fee of \$600.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(h) for the addition of the new independent claims to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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